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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the USEPA-IEPA Conference Call of 7/7/80 at 1:30 p.m.

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TO: Attendees - See Below

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ATTENDEES

U.S. EPA - Region V

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Since there were no problems with the minutes of the last call the discussion of the individual sites was taken up starting with Attachment B on the agenda.

A&B Containers - Chicago

We will DROP this site from further discussion since it is being cleaned up and all wastes are going to Refinery Products Company. IEPA has a staff person on-site during the clean up process.

Argonne National Laboratory - Argonne

IEPA has made two inspections on-site this month. The landfill is poorly run and there is a leachate problem. They have sampled. The State will classify the landfill as an open dump on their Inventory. IEPA is suspicious that there are other disposal sites on the property and there is possibly a problem with the disposal of radioactive wastes on-site. One of the State people working on the Open Dump Inventory is a former employee of Argonne and he is aware of other burial sites. U.S. EPA checked into special aerial photo work for this site but the \$50,000 price tag was a "bit" steep. However, the Department of Energy does aerial surveillance regularly so we have requested their reports. We will copy the State on whatever we receive and we will also send Argonne a letter asking about other on-site disposal. We may be able to fly it with false infrared film also, if necessary.

Custom Can - Deland

Jack met with the IAG, the lab and his staff to discuss the results of the lab analysis and determine their significance. Most cans have been removed and as soon as the removal is complete they will sample the soil under the remaining cans. The proposed site restoration includes an upgradient berm, vegetation down gradient including discing and seeding the site. There is no apparent surface problem and nothing found in the river.

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Hooker Chemical - La Salle County

We have sent the company a letter asking if they ever had a plant at this location. The response was due last week but has not been received. Jack asked K. Bechely to check the site out - they did and drew a blank. We also drew a blank at the Court House. We will copy Bechely on the response when received.

11th Street in Belleville

Half of the drums have been removed by the generators so far, with completion scheduled for the end of the week. The generators are then being asked to do a study to determine if there are drums buried.

Envirotherm of Illinois (Hyon) - Chicago

SCA is proposing to buy this site. About two weeks ago they called U.S. EPA and asked to schedule a joint meeting to discuss their proposed clean up. We have heard nothing since. We sampled on 6/26/80 and will copy the State on our results. IEPA is scheduling sampling there this month.

Inland Steel #2 Coal Mine - McCleansboro

Due to a large lab backlog the results on this site are not available yet.

M. T. Richards - Crossville

Our results are not in yet. When received we will copy Ken Mensing.

Peterson Sand and Gravel - Libertyville

There is no response to the 308 yet nor is there any lab data. Jack updated us on their information about this site since discovering that they were thinking of another site when we talked previously. The State took Enforcement Action at this site about two years ago. Bechely personally monitored the drum removal. They have made routine inspections and sampled the monitoring wells since then. They have never found anything in their analysis. Jack suggested we contact Bechely for copies of their information. S&A will do so. Dale says that our records shows that they do not have a permit to discharge. No action planned until 308 response and lab data in.

Russell Bliss Waste Oil - Sauget

When analytical data is in we will copy K. Mensing.

Grundy County - Morris, Illinois

Mary Drake, Attorney IEPA, Maywood is pursuing this action. We will hold off for now.

Material Services - Thornton

S&A (Lillich) talked to Worlinsky. He said he would check the anonymous complaint and let us know if it was a problem. Ken Bechely is also going to talk to Pete to see what he found. If we need to act the State will let us know.

New Sites - U.S. EPA

Allied Chemical - Fairmont

It is alleged that the company is dumping acid in a lot behind Biggs Service Station at 2540 North Kings Highway. AHMD could not get in touch with Bechely. IEPA is not aware of this site and will ask Ken to investigate although they do know of Allied having a plant in the area with waste lagoons on-site. These lagoons are listed in the SIA report.

Amoco Oil Company - Belleville

IEPA has been aware of this site since an aerial flyover last year. K. Mensing has been working with them. They have permits for all wastes. They are putting in monitoring wells and doing soil sampling. The State expects to receive a closure plan from them any day. They have an unloading facility on the banks of the Mississippi River. Since our information included a complaint relating to air emissions we asked if they had addressed that. The State had not, they feel that is related to the manufacturing rather than the disposal site. We have asked Illinois Department of Agriculture to follow up but K. Mensing will also check this complaint.

Conrail Train Yard - Fairmont

This was a hot line call with some possibility for 311 action. We referred it to the Coast Guard for follow up since it is in their AOR (Area of Response). We will send the State the Coast Guard's findings.

Logan Storage Sites - Franklin Grove

IEPA has met with Valspar this past month. The company is willing to clean up site. Bill Seltzer is handling the case. Clean up hopefully will be complete this summer.

Lutter Dump - Glenview

This site was identified to us by our Great Lakes National Program Office. They report that leachate is leaving the site and entering the West fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The State says this is an old Jim Cowie site (Land & Lakes). It was permitted as a solid waste site. The State recently sent out a letter requesting proper close and cover at the site. We will have an OSC look at this for 311 potential. He will talk to Ken Bechely first.

Pagels Pit - Rockford

IEPA had a report 3-4 months ago from a resident 3-4 miles away concerning high levels of methane in his basement. Borings showed that it was coming from the landfill. Wells were installed and the methane is being blown off. The resident also complained of well contamination (Nitrates). Since he is upgradient there does not appear to be a connection between the landfill and his well problem. This dump site has been here many years and is scheduled to close in 1-1/2 years. The State is not happy with the site and the City is looking for an alternate site without much success. The State has not found a groundwater problem there. A cut off trench will be put in as the long term solution to the methane problem. The site is under routine (almost daily) surveillance by IEPA.

Roadway Express Company - Rock Island

Dale reviewed the information we had for the State. The State had someone from their Rockford office look at the site. They found 15 drums on the dock containing pure isopropyl alcohol and 4 pure diesel fuel only. There was no evidence of drum disposal. They walked the entire ditch and did not find any problems.

ADM Corn Sweeteners - Alcohol Plant - Decatur

EPA received an official referral from OSHA on this site. Apparently there is some benzene spillage during loading and unloading (about 10 gallons). IEPA says all wastes are permitted and go to Mason County Landfill. Although this does not seem to be much of a problem, the State said they would have someone look at the situation when in the area.

Some items of general interest were discussed. In order for U.S. EPA to arrange for a flyover of the Pembroke Area (per a John McGuire/Mike Mauzy conversation) we need a better definition of the area and then we will schedule the flyover. Bill Child and Bill Miner will get together this week and define the area.

Eckhardt Report

The committee is asking for a response to their report. We have forwarded the IEPA report on the sites. Dale asked Jack what more, if anything, did they have planned? Jack says they have identified significant sites that they want to follow-up on and they have worked those into their District Offices routine inspection work. Dale asked if Illinois could give us statistics on what Eckhardt sites they have visited and the results of their inspections. Jack said he would have it by the next Conference Call. They will also send us information on the time and dollars spent in this effort and the results to show what the effort has been worth.

New Sites - IEPA

Wastex

Jack Chase - owner. 400 drums were found buried in Germantown, Illinois. Bour Trucking of Centerville is involved. This site is due East of Belleville. The State is preparing a case.

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Next Call will be August 12, 1980 at 11:00 A.M.

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